

Date and Time:

April 11, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Location:

Durham Public Library
49 Madbury Rd.
Durham, NH 03824

Members Present: Bronwyn Asplund (BA), Albert Gauvin (AG), Katie Devoid (KD), Sheila Charles (SC), Kathleen Blake (KB), Kayla Schweitzer (KS)

Guest Attendees: Todd Selig (Town Administrator, Durham), Kitty Marple (Durham Town Council Chair), Rev Larry Brickner-Wood (Durham Resident), Donna Moody (Winter Center for Indigenous Traditions), John Moody (Winter Center for Indigenous Traditions), Eleanor Abrams (citizen), Steve Doherty (U.S.P.S.), Sydney Phelps (NACA UNH), Andrew Coppens (citizen), Paul Pouliot (Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People), Denise Pouliot (Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People), Nancy Sandberg (Curator, Durham Historic Association), Sameer Honwad (citizen), Sydnee Carney (NACA UNH), Meghan Brown (NACA UNH)

Agenda:

4:30 p.m. Commission and guest attendees meet at the Durham post office (2 Madbury Rd., Durham, NH 03824) to view the Durham Murals

TS: Discussion on Durham Murals ("Cruel Adversity") through history of Durham Post Office, creation & donation of murals by the Durham Women's Club, complaints by public, etc.

JM: Insight and background knowledge of life in Durham in connection to the murals

Commission and Guest Attendees continue meeting at the Durham Public Library at 5 p.m.

TS: Continued Discussion on Durham Murals ("Cruel Adversity") through history of Durham Post Office, creation & donation of murals by the Durham Women's Club, complaints by public, etc. (for other attendees who were unable to come to Durham post office)

TS: Contact and correspondence with U.S.P.S. Historian, Jennifer Lynch; Lynch informed Todd that the U.S.P.S. has a policy that artwork will not be removed, altered, or covered; Jennifer Lynch wrote an interpretative text panel for the Durham Murals and is open to the Commission's feedback

Open Discussion by Commission and Guest Attendees about the Durham Murals and Review of the Interpretative Text Draft

-Commission members and attendees will review interpretative text panel and provide their feedback to KS

BA: Thanked attendees for their participation and comments

Next Meeting on July 11, 2017, 5pm at the Community Room in the Durham Police Department (86 Dover Road, Durham)

BA: Officer Elections

-KB nominated for Vice Chairman, SC second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
-KS nominated for secretary, KB second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
-KD nominated for treasurer, KB second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved

-AG nominated for Chairman by BA, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved

Quorum Met: No

KB: Discussion on changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day

Meeting Adjourned

Action Steps:

SD: Verify to the Commission the artwork policy for U.S.P.S., check if additional artwork can be added and check into similar cases and outcomes

KS: Compile text panel feedback and comments from attendees and provide to Commission for review